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Mayor Evans' Views

On the Metre Question

At the expiration of an administration there must necessarily be some work unfinished. This administration received three heritages of this nature. A large quantity of sidewalk was ordered in last fall and necessary steps are now being taken to build this, a sewer district was established and all necessary connections therein were ordered made within a described time, which has expired and, third, the former council prescribed by ordinance that all water consumers install metres before July 1st of this year.

Many inquiries have been made regarding the installation of metres coupled with some protests, and I believe that the consumers should know the position of this administration as I understand same.

There doubtless are advantages in each the metre system and in the present flat rate system that the other does not have. The metre system has the disadvantage of a large initial cost of installation and a cost of maintenance, but has the advantage of an equitable distribution of the cost of service, but I believe that its justification lies in that it will reduce the cost of operation. Present rates are more than sufficient to meet revenue requirements. It would be seeking grief uselessly to incur the expense of several thousand dollars to install metres unless this money would be returned to the consumers. The consumer has a dual capacity, consumer and proprietor. He is anxious to get his water as cheaply as possible, and on the other hand to operate the water plant in the most economical and frugal manner. The advantage to the consumer from the metre system as an owner will come in the reduced cost of operation, for the reason that the waste in water will be eliminated. The reduction in cost is variously estimated from ten to twenty-five per cent by persons with whom I have talked based on experience with other plants. Based on approximate cost of \$10,000 of operation for the past year the metres should reduce this amount in that proportion. At any rate the city is committed to the metre system. Not only have metres been ordered in by ordinance but the council more than a year ago contracted for 500 metres for delivery not later than next April and the city is bound to pay for this number at that time.

It is apparent that we must operate one system or the other. Some consumers will pay less under meter than at present and some more. The average will be less because we will operate at reduced expenses and our net income will be less than at present, for the reason that the rates will be so regulated as to produce only the cost of operation and replacements for wear and tear.

If it were left optional with the consumer to place in meter or not, the consumer whose rates would be less would install one and the man whose rates would be more would not and the object of equitably adjusting charges would be lost. In addition there is a reluctance to depart from fixed usages and unless the city required metres to be installed. In April of this year, there was about twenty meters in use. Since the notice of the Water Commissioner the number has been increased to about 150.

Our water plant is the big business proposition of the city. We can only gauge from experience the lowest price that can be charged. That time should be within the next two years and this is the figure that it is and will be our desire and effort to see established.

Respectfully,
E. H. EVANS
Mayor.

Are Your Crops Insured Against Hail?

The careful farmer protects his crop (when assured) by carrying hail insurance, the same as a merchant keeps his stock insured. Be wise and do likewise and insure with Bratt & Goodman.

Fred R. Ginn, who has been visiting his family for a few days, will return to Denver tomorrow. Mr. Ginn has leased a six story hotel building in Denver, purchased the furnishings of the former lessee, and has secured as manager a practical hotel man. This hotel, which is located on Glenarm street between Sixteenth and Seventeenth, is one of the newer Denver hotels, is well equipped and furnished, and is near the retail business section. Mr. Ginn believes the hotel will prove a financial winner for him; at least the present business of the house is very satisfactory to him.

Let me show you the Auto Vacuum Ice Cream Freezer. Saves time and money and insures cleanliness. Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, phone red 104. 42-2

Miss Annie Kramp returned yesterday morning from a week's visit with Rev. and Mrs. Young in Hastings. While in that city she was the guest of favor at several dinners and luncheons.

Miss Marie Holt, of Selina, Ala., arrived here the latter part of last week and will spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. M. Graham.

Wedding rings for June brides. DIXON, The Jeweler.

Miss Mollie Peniston late of Evanston arrived Sunday morning to visit her sister Mrs. James Jensen for a couple of weeks.

Mrs. M. Pegram and baby of Evansville, Ind., who were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce returned home this morning.

Mrs. Jack McGraw left this morning for Omaha to visit relatives for a week or more.

John Wallenhaupt returned recently from Princeton, Iowa, where he was called by the death of a brother.

The Girls' Friendly Society will have charge of the Dickey ice cream parlors Thursday afternoon and evening.

Degree of Honor Convention.

The second annual convention of the Degree of Honor of the Seventh district will convene in this city tomorrow morning, and continue the session over the following day. Delegates will be present from all lodges in the central half of western Nebraska between Buffalo county and the west line of the state and among the visitors will be the grand chief of honor Mayme Hedrick Cleaver, grand master workman A. M. Walling, of the A. O. U. W., and Judge Oberfelder, of Sidney.

Wednesday evening a public reception will be held at the Odd Fellows' hall, at which there will be addresses and music, and Thursday evening a similar affair will be held at the Lloyd opera house. Included in the program this latter evening are addresses by J. G. Beeler, the grand chief of honor and the grand master workman, a parol drill by sixteen young ladies and several musical numbers.

The morning and afternoon sessions both days will be taken up by routine work and addresses by prominent visitors.

Two hundred delegates and visitors are expected from the twenty-seven towns included in this district. Among the out of town speakers are Mrs. Frank Winkleman, Past Grand Chief of Honor, of Fremont and Mrs. Augusta Anton, of McCook. The guests will be given an auto ride Thursday afternoon by the Chamber of Commerce.

Profligate in Donations.

The brief appeal of The Tribune for free will offerings to the military band to assist in recompensing the members for the outdoor concerts, has resulted in donations of one dollar and fifty cents. This liberality on the part of our people is wonderful—for its stinginess. We venture the assertion that there is not a band in the state that excels our local organization, and yet when \$500 is asked for a series of concerts that are really worth twice that sum, we lack the appreciation to cash up. The total attendance at the series of concerts last summer exceeded 12,000; had each attendant given five cents each evening the result would have been \$600; as it was the total amount received was about tenth that sum. Let's be less niggardly in the treatment of our band; if we appreciate music let's be willing to pay our share and not "sponge" on those who do contribute toward the concerts. You expect to pay when you attend a picture show; the same should be true when you attend the concerts; and if you do attend and don't pay you are exhibiting a supreme quality of "nerve."

A Few Land Bargains

All of Section 9-16-31, Price \$4.00 per acre.

E½ of Section 21-16-27, Price \$8.00 per acre.

SW¼ of Section 19-9-34, Price \$10.00 per acre.

All of Section 19-12-30, Price \$8.00 per acre.

All of Section 21-12-32, Prices \$5.50 per acre.

All of Section 33-12-32, Price \$5.50 per acre.

Compare these prices with other land adjoining of equal value and satisfy yourself. Very easy terms can be had. If interested, come and talk it over. We may be able to assist you in a financial way so you can purchase some of these bargains.

Bratt & Goodman.

Ask that Metres be Optional

A petition addressed to the City Council asking that the use of water metres be optional with the consumer, is being circulated for the signatures of property owners. This action is being taken rather late; should have been inaugurated before the city contracted for the purchase of about \$3,500 worth of metres which they are selling at cost to the consumers. We make the guess that if the use of metres is made optional there will be much dissatisfaction all around.

Band Concerts.

The North Platte Military Band will give their usual weekly concert at the Keith Theatre Thursday evening, June 19th. It was expected that the band could start outdoor concerts this week, but owing to the fact that in response to the Tribune's appeal for funds in funds in Friday's issue only one dollar and fifty cents has been paid in, the date for commencing outdoor concerts can not be set.

Glen Lorimer will go to Omaha the latter part of this week to spend a few days.

Can't Keep It Secret.

The splendid work of Chamberlain's Tablets is daily becoming more widely known. No such grand remedy for stomach and liver troubles has ever been known. For sale by all dealers.

Bring Us YOUR POULTRY

We are now located in our new poultry house, the first building east of the U. P. freight depot, where we are prepared to purchase all your poultry and pay you the highest market price in cold cash. We have made a market in North Platte for poultry and eggs; a market that you can not overstock, so bring them in, no matter how many.

We Want Hens and Spring Chickens

and advise all that have poultry to sell to bring them in now while the price is high

We are paying the following price per pound today

Hens 11c Broilers 20c Ducks 10c
Geese 7c Turkeys 13c Roosters 4c

We do not guarantee this price for any length of time but expect it to hold up this week.

VERY TRULY-YOURS,

North Platte Produce Co.

Local and Personal.

Mrs. Andrew Schermann will entertain the S. O. C. club Friday afternoon.

For Rent—House and barn north of town. Inquire of L. W. Walker.

Miss Doris Ogle, of Ogalala came Sunday evening to visit her sister Mrs. Luther Tucker.

Plain sewing, will go out by the day. Inquire at 309 South Dewey. 40-2

The ladies society of the B. of L. F. and E. will be entertained Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. George Mang.

Wanted—Man and wife to live in furnished house and board the owner. Phone Blk 348, 521 E. 2nd street.

Mrs. E. V. Boutwell, of Topeka, Kan., is expected Monday to visit her daughter Mrs. B. F. Fletcher.

Mrs. George Roberts and son, of Maxwell, came up this morning to visit friends in town for a couple of days.

Miss Eileen Flynn expects to leave shortly for Cheyenne to visit the O'Neal family for a couple of weeks.

Hendy and Ogier report the sale of a 35 Studebaker car to Jesse Edwards, the sale having been made yesterday.

For Sale—Domestic Vacuum Cleaners with or without brush. Mrs. M. V. Mitchell, phone Red 104. 42-2

Mrs. William Hubbard, daughter Dorothy and son Lawrence will go to Cheyenne tomorrow evening to visit relatives for a couple of weeks.

Visitors in town today on business are John Glida of Dickens, W. H. Simons of Wallace, L. C. Whitmore, W. L. Lozier of Dickens.

Sheriff Salisbury went to Dickens yesterday to arrest five or six men who are charged with damaging box cars which belonged to the Burlington railroad.

For bargains in choice residences see Buchanan & Patterson's bargain list in another column. if

Dr. Bent Assessed Fine.

Dr. Bent, of Wallace, who plead not guilty in the county court Thursday on the charge of selling liquor with a license, plead guilty to one count in the district court Friday and was fined \$200 and costs, the latter amounting to \$40. The Judge took Bent's personal recognizance to appear at the next term of court to answer the second count.

Money to Loan.

We have money to loan on farms or city property for term of years with privilege of paying off same in small sums. Bratt & Goodman.

The L. O. T. M. tendered a farewell surprise party to Mrs. Anna Shea last evening and presented her with a gold Maccabee pin. About forty-five were present and spent the evening very pleasantly. Enjoyable refreshments were served.

Mrs. Dean, of Sandusky, Ohio, who spent the winter with relatives, arrived here this morning to visit her sons Rush and Lew before returning home.

Shake Off Your Rheumatism.

Now is the time to get rid of your rheumatism. Try a twenty-five cent bottle of Chamberlain's Liment and see how quickly your rheumatic pains disappear. Sold by all dealers.

An Ordinance. No. 31.

Fixing the salary of the Police Magistrate of the City of North Platte. Be It Ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of North Platte: Section 1. The annual salary of the Police Magistrate of this city shall be the sum of \$300.00 payable monthly in equal monthly installments. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication according to law. Passed and approved this 3rd day of June, 1913. Sgd. E. H. EVANS, Mayor. Attest: CHAS. F. TEMPLE, City Clerk.

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